As per the Agreements concluded with Sri Lanka in 1974 and 1976, the Katchatheevu Island lies on the Sri Lankan side of the India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). Both these agreements were subsequently laid before Parliament.

Chinese Forces on Nepal soil

†2717. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that China deploys its forces on Nepal soil;

(b) if so, whether Government has tried to find out the authenticity of the action of deploying armed forces by China in Nepal;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard and whether this action of China is also against Indian interests; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Government have seen reports in the Nepalese media of Chinese security personnel crossing to the Nepalese side of the China-Nepal boundary. The Spokesperson of Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said that such reports are factually incorrect.

Visa to people from Pakistan

2718. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visas that were issued by the Indian High Commission in Islamabad in last five years, year-wise; and

(b) the number of people from Pakistan who visited different States in India, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Year-wise number of visas issued to Pakistani nationals by High Commission of India in Islamabad is as follows:

2003	8,390
2004	62,541
2005	90,663
2006	92,334
2007	1,14,937

(b) Such information is not compiled by different States.

Visas for Pakistani national

2719. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether visa issued to a Pakistani national for Delhi is limited to Delhi city only and does not include Noida, Gurgaon or Faridabad;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.